

Collin County  
Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Deputy Esmeralda Figueroa

Honoree's Job Title: School Resource Officer

Department: Sheriff's Office

Years of Service with the County: 13

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

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Please see attached memo.

L. Brady  
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I recommend, Plus 11-15-10

Approved by elected official or department head on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of Nov, 2010

[Signature]  
Signature of Elected Official  
or Department Head

TERRY G. BOYD  
Printed Name



# COLLIN COUNTY

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF  
4300 Community Avenue  
McKinney, TX 75071

Terry G. Box, Sheriff

Date: November 9, 2010

To: Major Chuck Ruckel

From: Lieutenant Tony Bradley *TB*

Re: Going the extra mile award

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I would like to recommend that Deputy Esmeralda Figueroa be considered for the "Going the Extra Mile Award" because I feel she a shining example of this award.

As a School Resource Officer, she interacts with hundreds of kids on a daily basis. In this particular incident, Deputy Figueroa intervened at a critical time in a student's life. When this student presented to be suicidal at school, Deputy Figueroa took proper steps to ensure the child's safety, and facilitated the student's admittance to a psychiatric facility. But, Deputy Figueroa did not stop there even though her job was done. She took the time to write a personal note to the student telling her that, "It's going to be a great week". This young student's mom was so moved by this gesture, as was the child, that she wrote an email to Deputy Figueroa expressing her gratitude. Quick thinking is part of the job but this small act of kindness is what sets Deputy Figueroa apart.

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